

TOP SECRET RUFF

25X1  
25X1

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Attachment to  
3 May 1971Copy 1  
Page 1 of 3

25X1

REFERENCE TO: KH MISSION 1114

RAIL CONSTRUCTION  
CENTRAL CHINA1. SIGNIFICANCE:

EXTENSIVE NEW RAIL CONSTRUCTION IN TWO AREAS  
OF CENTRAL CHINA WILL SHORTEN CURRENT ROUTES

2. COLLATERAL:

AREA A (THE SOUTHERN AREA) - A 6-NAUTICAL MILE  
(NM) SEGMENT OF THIS LINE, INCLUDING A BRIDGE  
ACROSS THE WU SHUI RIVER IN THE VICINITY OF  
CHIH-CHIANG, WAS REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION

<sup>1</sup>  
[REDACTED] THE  
REMAINDER OF THIS LINE IS PROJECTED TO RUN TO  
HSIN-HUA (27-44N 111-18E).<sup>2</sup>

25X1

AREA B (THE NORTHERN AREA) - FROM A POINT 10 NM  
SOUTH OF KUANG-HUA (32-14N 111-43E), ONE LINE IS  
PROJECTED TO RUN TO THE VICINITY OF 32-40N  
108-35E WHERE IT PROBABLY WILL SPLIT; ONE BRANCH  
RUNNING SOUTH TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION NORTH OF  
TA-HSIEN, THE OTHER RUNNING WEST TOWARDS THE  
PAO-CHI TO CHENG-TU RAIL LINE NEAR 32-58N  
<sup>2</sup>  
106-03E.

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing boards (s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue. For information concerning these notes contact Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group NPIC.

GROUP 1: EXCLUDED FROM  
AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING  
AND DECLASSIFICATION

TOP SECRET RUFF

25X1

TOP SECRET RUFF

25X1

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Attachment to

25X1

Page 2 of 3

3. REMARKS:

AREA A - WHEN COMPLETE, THIS RAIL SEGMENT WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT ROUTE FROM KUEI-YANG TO CENTRAL HUNAN PROVINCE AND MAY LINK UP WITH A RAIL LINE PROJECTED TO RUN SOUTH FROM HUPEH PROVINCE INTO HUNAN.

AREA B - WHEN COMPLETE, THE PROJECTED ALIGNMENTS WILL SHORTEN THE EXISTING ROUTE FROM WU-HAN TO CHENG-TU BY APPROXIMATELY 200 NM AND THE EXISTING ROUTE FROM WU-HAN TO CHUNG-CHING BY ABOUT 600 NM.

4. PAST COVERAGE:

25X1

5. MISSION READOUT: AREA A - A RAIL LINE WAS OBSERVED UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN KWEICHOW AND HUNAN PROVINCES. SECTIONS OF THE NEW RAILROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE KUEI-YANG TO TU-YUN RAIL LINE AT KUEI-TING (26-35N 107-14E) TO A POINT NORTHEAST OF CHIH-CHIANG AT 27-33N 109-45E WERE IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION. APPROXIMATELY 158 NM OF THE NEW LINE WERE OBSERVED. LIMITS OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE PRECLUDED OBSERVATION OF THE REMAINDER OF THE LINE.

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing boards (s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue. For information concerning these notes contact Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group NPIC.

TOP SECRET RUFF

25X1

TOP SECRET RUFF

(c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

Attachment to

25X1

Page 3 of 3

AREA B - CONSTRUCTION WAS IN PROGRESS ON BOTH ENDS OF THE PROJECTED WU-HAN TO CHUNG-CHING LINE. CONSTRUCTION WAS COMPLETE FROM THE VICINITY OF CHUNG-CHING (29-34N 106-32E) NORTH TO PEI-PEI (29-50N 106-26E). CONSTRUCTION WAS IN AN EARLY STAGE ON AN APPROXIMATELY 103-NM SEGMENT NORTH FROM PEI-PEI TO A POINT NORTH OF TA-HSIEN AT 31-16N 107-30E.

A 12-NM SECTION OF RAIL LINE WAS IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF SHIH-YEN-CHEN INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX FROM 32-35N 110-52E TO 32-41N 110-34E. LACK OF PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE PREVENTED OBSERVATION OF OTHER SEGMENTS OF THE PROJECTED RAIL ALIGNMENTS.

25X1

1. NPIC. PIN. NEW RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTH-CENTRAL CHINA, APRIL 71 (TOP SECRET RUFF)
2. CIA. COMMUNIST CHINA: EXPANSION OF THE RAILROAD NETWORK SINCE 1966, FEBRUARY 71 (TOP SECRET RUFF)

25X1

25X1

25X1

## ADDITIONAL REFERENCE:

CIA. STANDARD GAUGE RAIL CONSTRUCTION IN CHINA JULY - DECEMBER 1970, MARCH 71 (TOP SECRET RUFF)

25X1

25X1

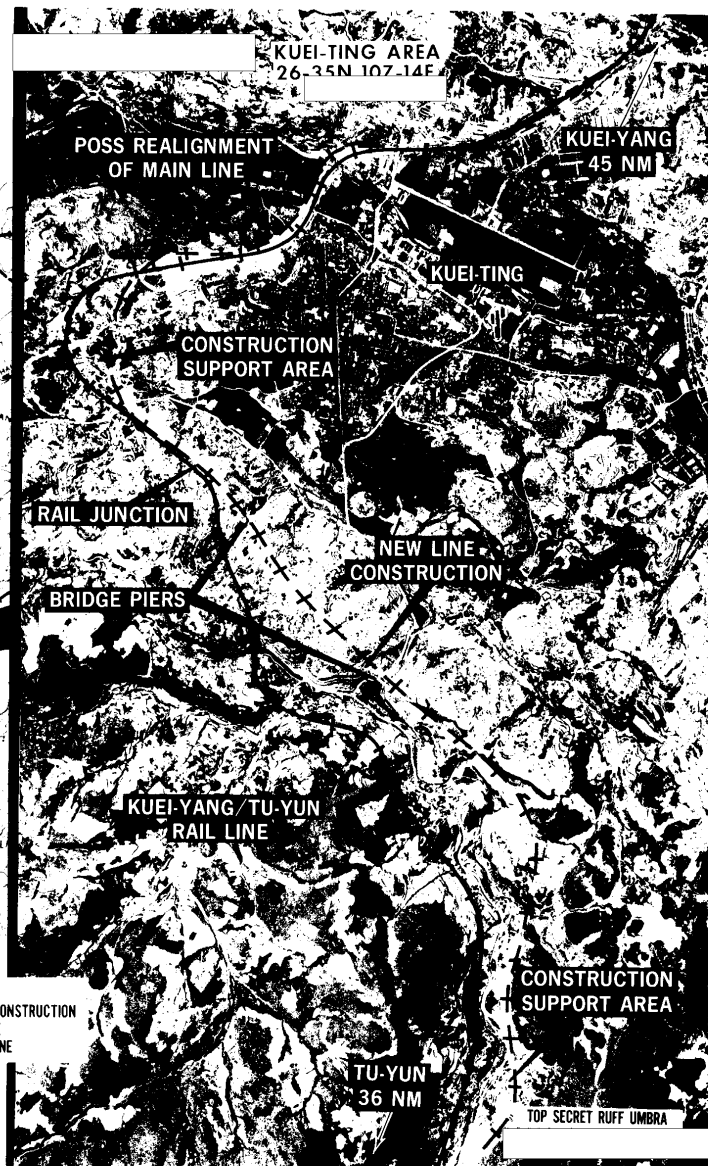
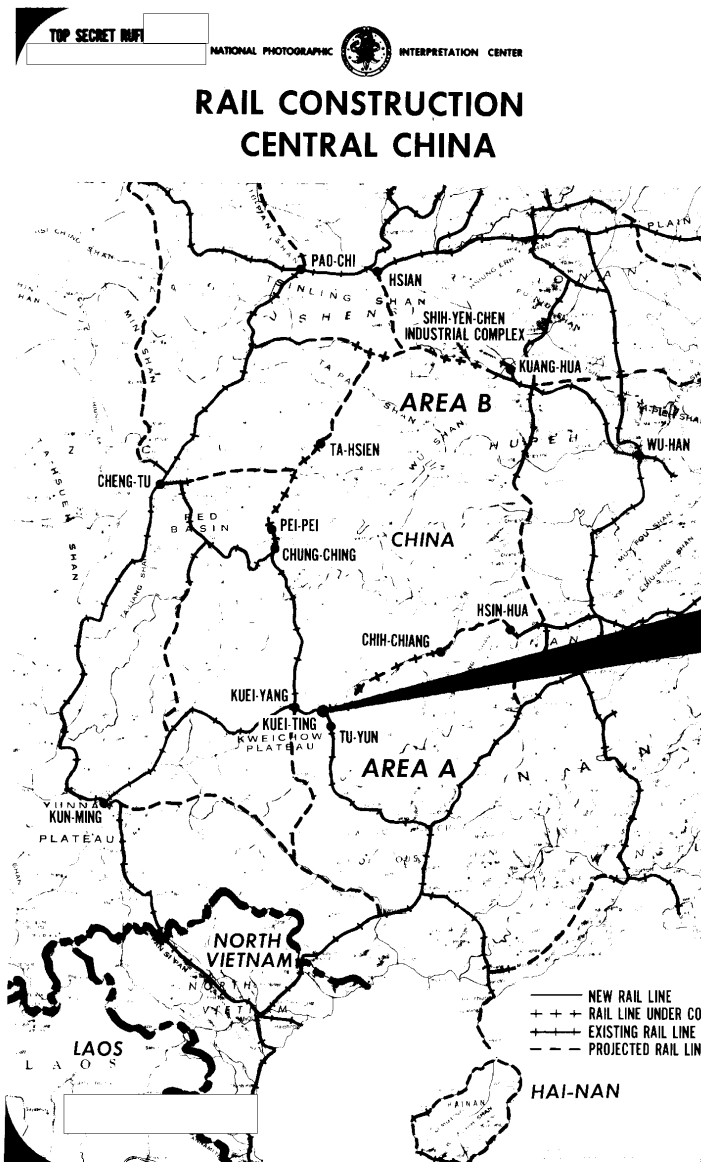
ENLARGEMENT: INSET 30x

NPIC/IEG/EGD/WCB

These notes have been prepared for briefing purposes only and should not be used for detailed analytical work. Their use should be restricted to the particular briefing boards (s) they were prepared for and must be considered valid only for the reporting period as indicated by the date of issue. For information concerning these notes contact Chief, Imagery Exploitation Group NPIC.

25X1

TOP SECRET RUFF



25X1  
25X1  
25X1

25X1  
25X1